

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to the present invention there is provided a colour photographic element comprising at least one light-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer or a non silver-containing light-insensitive layer, in which at least one of these layers contains a colourless imidazole compound of formula (I), that undergoes less than 10% chemical or redox reaction with oxidized developer and which enables the photographic speed of the element to be increased by at least ~~0.03~~ 0.05 stop without increasing granularity, compared to the same element without the compound, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the structure:- --